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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	21 minus 20=	* 1
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	* 1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		☐

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐ OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	355.00	OR	BASIC FEE	710.00
X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	18.00
X40=		OR	X80=	80.00
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL		OR	TOTAL	808.00

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
Total	* 22	Minus ** 21	= 1	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent	* 2	Minus *** 4	= —	X40=		OR	X80=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ☐				+135=		OR	+270=	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
Total	*	Minus **	=	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent	*	Minus ***	=	X40=		OR	X80=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ☐				+135=		OR	+270=	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C

	(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDI-TIONAL FEE
Total	*	Minus **	=	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent	*	Minus ***	=	X40=		OR	X80=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ☐				+135=		OR	+270=	
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of January 11, 2005, the period for response expiring April 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

compliance balloon. (See Col. 3, l. 19-30 (inner balloon) and Col. 3, l. 46-56 (outer balloon) of Miller.) Thus, dependent claims 8, 10, 28 and 30, further distinguish from this reference.

As far as combining the references, it should be apparent from what is said above that the references provide no motivation for combination. The purposes of the inner balloons in the two patents is so different that there would be no reason to combine them and in fact doing so would be contrary to their teaching. Furthermore, even with the combination, elements of the claims would be missing.
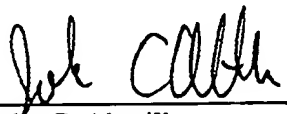
In view of the above, Applicants believe that all claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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